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Dear Parents and Guardians:

RE: Grad 2020

We find ourselves in unprecedented times with many moving parts and many complex relationships and interactions to attend to. With the suspension of PK-12 classes across the province and, to date, most of Canada there are many, many questions to be grappled with and answered in the coming weeks and months.

One of the questions that has come up is regarding the Grad 2020 celebration. We are aware that our grade 12 students are feeling record levels of anxiety right now regarding the path forward for them in the coming weeks, months and into their post secondary careers. A piece that we know is adding to this anxiety is whether or not there will be a Grad 2020.

Please assure them, that unequivocally, there will be a Grad 2020 and we will honor our graduates in the way we always have.

What is uncertain at this time is the when. As soon as we have an idea as to a potential timeframe we will let families know so that the appropriate planning can begin. I want to assure all families that our grade 12 students are a top priority for PPCS, NESD and the Ministry. At the school level and the division level, this includes the celebration of their grade 12 achievement in a way that aligns with community values and traditions.

There have been questions around planning and executing a community based rather than school based grad. The barriers that exist for the school also exist within the community regarding gathering numbers and social isolation protocols. When the Sask Health Authority has lifted these protocols, the school will immediately reengage in the planning of the graduation 2020 ceremony and banquet. If you have any questions and concerns please contact me at the school.

Yours in Education,

Principal
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